

S. CON. RES. 50

Whereas the Republic of the Marshall Islands—

(1) is a sovereign country in free association with the United States under the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (referred to in this preamble as the “Compact”), approved in the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-239; 99 Stat. 1770) and amended by the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-188; 117 Stat. 2720), which authorizes economic assistance, through Federal grants and programs, to persons in the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

(2) has full authority and responsibility over security and defense matters relating to the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

Whereas, under the Compact, eligible citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands may reside, work, and study in the United States without a visa and may serve in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas an estimated ⅓ of the population of the Republic of the Marshall Islands has relocated to the United States; and

Whereas Marshallese individuals who live in the United States—

(1) offer positive economic and cultural benefits to the communities in which those individuals live;

(2) pay Federal and State taxes but are not eligible for benefits under—

(A) the Medicare program established under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.); or

(B) the Medicaid program established under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.); and

(3) were undercounted in the 2010 census and, as a result, areas where those individuals live are underserved by the Federal Government; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) commends—

(A) the rich history and heritage of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

(B) citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands who live in the United States for the contributions of those individuals to—

(i) the communities in which those individuals live; and

(ii) the national defense of the United States through their service in the Armed Forces of the United States;

(2) recognizes the strategic importance of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

(3) encourages a continued commitment to improve census data to better serve citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands who live in the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I have 3 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations, Paul B.

Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jean-Paul Boulee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, James David Cain, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Damon Ray Leichty, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Big Bank Bankruptcy: 10 years After Lehman Brothers”.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that John Rendon, a Coast Guard fellow in Senator WICKER's office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to allow Coast Guard details Catherine Carabine and Sean Stewart to have the privilege of the Senate floor during consideration of the Coast Guard bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individual as a member of the National Commission on Military Aviation Safety: General Richard A. Cody, USA (ret.), of Vermont.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the Senate and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individual as a member of the National Commission on Military Aviation Safety: Peter B. Mapes, of Michigan.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the Senate and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following indi-

vidual as a member of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence: Robert O. Work, of Virginia.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individual as a member of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence: The Honorable Katharina McFarland.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following individual as a member of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence: José-Marie Grifiths, of South Dakota.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the Senate and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following individual as a member of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence: Dr. Ken Ford, of Florida.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 14; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany S. 140 and vote on the motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment, as modified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:32 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

JANICE MIRIAM HELLREICH, OF HAWAII, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2024, VICE HOWARD ABEL HUSOCK, TERM EXPIRED.

BRUCE M. RAMER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2024. (REAPPOINTMENT)